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Mr. Norman Burns
Director, Foreign Service Institute
Department of State
2115 C Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Burns:

It has come to my attention that as a result of budget cuts and reassignment of functions previously under cognizance of the Department of State, the staff and faculty of the Foreign Service Institute may be reduced and its activities thereby curtailed.

As you know there have existed during each of the past several years agreements between this Agency and the Department of State under which the Foreign Service Institute has undertaken to provide certain training for personnel of this Agency. At the present time there are under way Near East and Japanese Language-Area Programs each of which involves a period of approximately two years. In addition we are contemplating the possibility of initiating several other programs of a generally similar nature.

In view of these matters I am moved to request that you advise me as soon as possible as to the general capabilities of the Foreign Service Institute during the current fiscal year and specifically the effect, if any, of reductions in the staff of the Foreign Service Institute upon each of the two-year programs now in progress.

25X1 Mr. [redacted] of my staff will be in touch with you within the next few days in order to amplify this request and suggest to you specific questions or problems of particular concern to us.

Sincerely,

/s/ MB

MATTHEW BAIRD
Director of Training

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